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PARTICULARLY A PREFORM OF LARGE DIAMETER

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English Abstract of JP 3-83831, JP 3-109231, JP 5-221660, JP 1-212246 & JP 6-239640 are being submitted herewith.

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